

Plans for big make-over in New Year could mean...

Ringstead's future is carp?

A MAJOR direction change is on the way for Ringstead Grange trout fishery – set to re-emerge next spring as an 'exclusive' carp water!

But currently it is open to predator anglers...and producing cracking trout-fed pike!

Gilders' staffers Dan Todd and Raphy Kyte are two who've already benefited from the snapper sport, sharing two 20s in an afternoon afloat.

Raphy – youngest of three generations of the town-based Kyte specimen-hunting dynasty – had a 25-6 plus a 14 while Dan boated a 21-2 and a 17, all on float-drifted deadbaits.

The largest so far was Gaz Poyz's 29-12, while Nathan Partridge had a stunning 4-12 perch...on, of all things, a 17 INCH jerk bait!

Ringstead, opened in the 80s by the late Harold Foster, has always been a trend-setter, and the farmer was one of the first to stock salmon – for a while bringing stillwater sport with the 'king of fishes' within affordable reach of all.

Now his family, helped by bailiff Pete Booth, are finalising details of what is to become a premier carp water also offering predator sport.

'Test' fishing has already produced 30lb carp – which have

grown to that size in the lake.

Call 07927 921706 to book Ringstead piking places.

● MEADOWLANDS open: Dave Pritchard 44-10, Lee Davis 41-10, Wayne Sharman 39-12.

● WHITE Hart Flore: midweek, Manvell Farm, Dave Walker 21lb, Jeff Wiggins 18-4, Trevor Griffiths 12-6; Sun., Cannons, John Berry 21-13, Gary Muddiman 12-1, Robin Wickham 10-1.

● CASTLE Ashby: midweek, Chris Camplin 19-12, Frank Pizamenti 14lb, Mick Hewlett 12-12; Sat., Wayne Robinson 10lb, Hewlett 9-8, Pizamenti 3lb; Sun., Keith Garratt 6-8, Neil Wooding 3-2, Mick Whaddam 1-14.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Dog Lane, silverfish: Mick Chambers 13-10, Terry Smith 13-9, Rob 'golden oldie' Rawlins 6-5.

● NENE/Towcester, canal, Heyford: Tony Hirst 4-12 of roach, John Balhatchett 3-11, Bas Eaton 3-3 ■



■ Raphy Kyte 25-6



■ Dan Todd 21-2

Fish for perch? Have YOUR say on zander - now!

LOVE 'em or loathe 'em, if YOU have a view on zander, there's an on-line survey YOU should fill in NOW.

Hosted by a university (research sponsor unknown) it seeks 'predator angler's' views.

Anyone who fishes for perch, even if only with worms and maggots, is a 'predator angler' – so get in there, tick the box which asks if you are, and go from there – right down to the bit about Zs.

It may be entirely unconnected to Zs in the canal...but some might think the wording would attract maximum response from Z lovers...and leave the rest behind at the first question.

Go to <https://bournemouth.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/freshwater-predatory-angling> or find it on MKAA facebook page or on CRT's angling facebook page.

Remember, if you fish for perch YOU are a predator angler, too, and should have a say.

Matches, catches, even rough patches? If there's a tale to tell call Trevor Johnson on 07801 183381 or 01908 270000 or click link to angling@intermediauk.com